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Applicant : John C. Smith *et al.*

Art Unit : 1634

Serial No. : 09/720,531

Examiner : Juliet C. Einsmann

Filed : December 19, 2000

Title : HUMAN CCR-2 GENE POLYMORPHISMS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed January 9, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group 1 (claims 1, 2, 3, and 8) drawn to methods of diagnosing single nucleotide polymorphisms and methods of treatment subsequent to such diagnosis. With respect to the species election requirement on page 4 of the action, Applicants elect the single nucleotide polymorphism corresponding to the nucleotide at position 42723 of EMBL U95626. This election, however, is made with traverse, as discussed in the remarks below.

Further, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages (a total of 11, including this page). Applicants ask that all claims be examined in view of the amendments and remarks.

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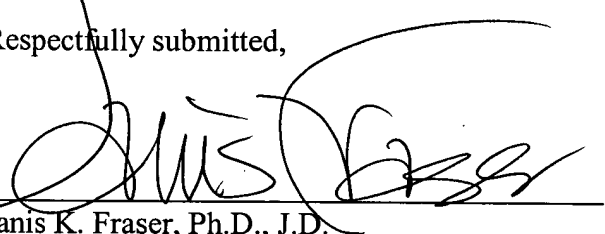
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A petition for a four-month extension of time and the required fee of \$1450 is enclosed.
Also enclosed is a check for \$882 for excess claims fees. Please apply any other charges or
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